

he, the purifier, is now beheld
dispersing with his
radiance the thick glooms of night.

5. Bestow quickly, AGNI, upon us
who are affluent
(in oblations), wondrous
wealth, with abundant
viands, and protections, such as
enrich other men with
wealth, with food, and with male
descendants.

6. AGNI, desirous (of the
offering), accept this
sacrifice, this food which the
presenter (of the obla-
tion), sitting down (before thee),
offers unto thee:
accept the blameless (praises) of
the BHAEADW[^]JA
(race), and favour them that they
may obtain many
sorts of food.

7. Scatter (our) enemies; augment
our abundance;
and may we, blessed with virtuous
male descendants,
enjoy happiness for a hundred
winters.

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Deity, *Riski*, and metre as before.

8. AGNI, invoker of the gods, do
thou who art
adorable, being instigated by us,
worship at our pre-
sent rite the foe-repelling (troop) of
the MARUTS, and
bring to our sacrifice MITRA and
VARUNA, the KiSA-
TTAS, and Heaven and Earth.

9. Thou art amidst mortals at the
celebration (of
sacrifice), the invoker of the gods,
(thou who art)
most deserving of praise, a divinity
doing us no harm:
the bearer (of the oblation) offers
(the gods), AGNI,
thine own body with purifying flame
as if with their
mouth.

10. Praise, solicitous of wealth, is
ever addressed,
AGNI, to thee, inasmuch as thy
manifestation (enables)
the worshipper to sacrifice to the
gods, when the pious
sage, the most earnest adorer

amongst the ANGIRASAS,